AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15, and 17; amend claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 16; and add claim 18 as set forth below.

1. (CANCELED)

2. (CANCELED)

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An anode catalyst for a fuel cell comprising: gold fine particles, and at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~titanium, vanadium,~~ gallium, ~~zirconium, niobium, cerium, tantalum,~~ indium and the oxides of these metals.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The anode catalyst according to claim 3, wherein the gold fine particles and the at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~titanium, vanadium,~~ gallium, ~~zirconium, niobium, cerium, tantalum,~~ indium and the oxides of these metals is coated on a conductive support.

5. (CANCELED)

6. (CANCELED)

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An anode catalyst for a fuel cell comprising: gold fine particles; at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~titanium, vanadium,~~ gallium, ~~zirconium, niobium, cerium, tantalum,~~ indium, and the oxides of these metals; and at least one member selected from the group consisting of platinum, ruthenium, and ruthenium oxides.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The anode catalyst according to claim 7, wherein the gold fine particles, the at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~titanium, vanadium,~~ gallium, ~~zirconium, niobium, cerium, tantalum,~~ indium, and the oxides of these metals, and the at least one member selected from the group consisting of platinum, ruthenium, and ruthenium oxides are coated on a conductive support.

9. (CANCELED)

10. (ORIGINAL) The anode catalyst according to claim 4, wherein the conductive support is made of carbon.

11. (CANCELED)

12. (ORIGINAL) The anode catalyst according to claim 8, wherein the conductive support is made of carbon.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fuel cell comprising the anode catalyst according to any one of claims ~~1-12~~ 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 12~~, further including an anode containing catalyst~~.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An anode catalyst for a fuel cell having an electrode junction body in which an anode and a cathode are joined at one end of a proton exchange membrane and the other end thereof, respectively, comprising: an anode catalyst according to any one of claims ~~1-12~~ 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 12.

15. (CANCELED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~ An anode for a fuel cell ~~according to claim 14~~ comprising: ~~an anode in which~~ a first layer whose catalyst component is one of:

(1) gold fine particles, ~~or~~

(2) gold fine particles and at least one member selected from ~~the~~ a first group consisting of titanium, vanadium, gallium, zirconium, niobium, cerium, tantalum, indium, and the oxides of these metals, ~~or~~

(3) gold fine particles and at least one member selected from ~~the~~ a second group consisting of platinum, ruthenium, and ruthenium oxides ~~is laminated on a platinum catalyst layer~~, ~~or~~ and

(4) gold fine particles, ~~and~~ at least one member selected from the first group ~~consisting of titanium, vanadium, gallium, zirconium, niobium, cerium, tantalum, indium, and the oxides of these metals,~~ and at least one member selected from the second group ~~consisting of platinum, ruthenium, and ruthenium oxides,~~

wherein the first layer is ~~laminated on a platinum catalyst layer is~~ formed on a platinum catalyst layer.

17. (CANCELED)

18. (NEW)A fuel cell comprising an anode according to claim 16.